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“Prepare Him Room: Preparing for Hope”

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What In this Advent monologue, Casey writes Christmas cards and reflects on Gabriel’s appearance to Mary, when he brought the message that the world had been waiting for—the Messiah was coming. This is the first monologue in the Advent series, Prepare Him Room, which reminds us that as we engage in holiday traditions in preparation for Christmas Day, we are also preparing room in our hearts for Jesus.

Themes: Christmas, Advent, Hope, Reader’s Theater, Gospel, Gabriel, Mary

Who Casey; any gender adult

When Present

Costumes Modern Day attire

Props Christmas Card/Envelope
Lighter if lighting the Advent candle

Why Luke 1: 26-38

How If using as a reader’s theater, familiarize yourself with the script beforehand. If performing as a monologue, Casey can be seated at a table, writing out cards throughout. This scene should feel relaxed and connecting with your audience on shared experiences will help them connect to the scripture.

Time 3 minutes

Casey enters, carrying a Christmas card in an unsealed envelope. If performing as a monologue, **Casey** may sit at a small table, writing out a Christmas card during the scene.

Casey: I love sending out Christmas cards. Maybe that makes me old fashioned. I know these days most people send out a greeting on social media or a group text. Everyone is so busy and stamps are expensive... I get it. I still receive some Christmas cards in the mail, though not as many as before... mostly an assortment of photo cards and the occasional five by seven cardstock with a classic winter scene on the front and an annual Christmas letter inside.

Now don't get me wrong—I love seeing everyone's adorable children on those photo cards and reading about the accomplishments and vacations and milestones that have occurred over the past year for my friends and family. But the cards I really love are the ones with a handwritten message, no matter how long. Just knowing that my friend or loved one took the time, pen in hand, as the light outside their window waned, and thought of me... singled me out as worthy of that gesture, worthy of those precious minutes in an undoubtedly busy day. Those are the messages I treasure.

A beat.

Mary received a message too. Maybe the greatest message of all, and not one written on a page, but one delivered by the angel Gabriel. (*in wonder*) Can you imagine what that must've been like? A young girl, betrothed. Waiting for her life to begin. Thinking she knew what that meant, when out of nowhere an angel of the Lord appears and says, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God! Listen: you will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father, David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will never end.”

(stunned) I don't know about you, but that's quite a bit to digest, especially from a celestial being that suddenly appeared in your living room! And while I have no doubt Mary was stunned, maybe taken aback... probably scared, she was also sure. Secure in the knowledge that this message was from God. Certain that this was the path God had chosen from her. And above all, hopeful. Hopeful that this child, the one God had given her to carry, was the Messiah they had all been waiting for. *(smiles)* Sounds like a pretty amazing message to me, and one that we all get to treasure.

Casey holds up a card.

I like to think that's what I'm sending out into the world as I fill out my Christmas cards—hope. Hope for a bright and merry holiday season. Hope for a happy new year filled with many blessings. And above all, hope that as we once again prepare for the coming of Christmas, we are also preparing a place in our hearts for the coming of our newborn king, Jesus.

*If lighting the Advent candle, **Casey** says the following speech.*

Today I light the candle of Hope. May the light of hope and faith burn brightly throughout this Advent season and beyond. Amen.

End of scene.